

teachers at the rate payable in December, 1915, was £79,627, an increase of £10,035 over the figure for 1914. Full particulars will be found in Table K4 of E.—6.

The following summary shows the average salaries paid to principals and assistants on the regular staff :—

	1914.*			1915.		
	M. £	F. £	All. £	M. £	F. £	All. £
Principals ...	524	397	482	585	436	535
Assistants ...	248	163	211	266	187	232
Whole staff ...	283	183	241	306	209	265

* Lower department teachers included.

It will be observed that the average salary of men principals has been increased by £61, and that of women principals by £39. The average salaries of men and women assistants have been increased by £18 and £24 respectively.

In the secondary departments of district high schools salaries are uniform, in accordance with the schedule to the Act. The average salaries actually paid to secondary assistants, exclusive of the sums paid to head teachers by way of extra salary, were, in December, 1914 and 1915, as follows :—

	1914. £	1915. £
Male assistants ...	210	239
Female assistants ...	182	200
All secondary assistants ...	195	215

(The scale of salaries is the same for men and women.)

The total amount paid in salaries to teachers in secondary departments of district high schools, including the special payments to head teachers, was £22,080, as against £18,929 for 1914.

The professional qualifications of the secondary-school teachers of the Dominion are as follows :—

STATUS OF SECONDARY TEACHERS (REGULAR STAFF ONLY), DECEMBER, 1915.

	Secondary Schools.		District High Schools (Secondary Department).	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Principals—				
Graduates, also holders of teachers' certificate	21	64	17	28
Graduates (not included above)	11	33
Holders of teacher's certificate only ..	1	3	44	72
Totals	33	100	61	100
Assistants—				
Graduates, also holders of teacher's certificate	111	42	50	54
Graduates (not included above)	107	40	4	4
Holders of teacher's certificate only ..	13	5	33	35
Uncertificated	36	13	7	7
Totals	267	100	94	100

FINANCES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

(See also E.—6, Tables K6–K8.)

The income of secondary schools is derived from the following sources :—

- (i.) Rents from the special reserves allocated to them by statute :
- (ii.) Statutory grants given in lieu of special reserves :
- (iii.) Interest upon moneys derived from the sale of reserves and invested in accordance with the Education Reserves Act :
- (iv.) Income from the secondary-school reserves controlled by the Land Boards, divided among the secondary schools in the several land districts in proportion to the number of pupils in average attendance, lower departments excluded :